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To whom it may concern

The deal that has been brokered FOR Microsoft expands its monopoly now into the schools. This does not put competition back into the marketplace but does add more money to the already overflowing coffers of Microsoft.

I agree with the deal being proposed where Microsoft should have to open its source code to companies it has hindered. It should be forced to develop their Windows products to run on ALL platforms. It should be forced not to gouge consumers with outrageous prices for its software. It should be forced to provide a stripped-down version for XP. It should be banned from supplying IE for 3 years from all XP desktops.

Put competition back into the OS market and allow people to think for themselves and make decisions to buy what they want, not what Microsoft thinks everyone wants. The general public doesn't even know what alternatives are available because there is NO COMPETITION with Microsoft.

Presently you can purchase a PC on the open market with anything but XP loaded on it. I want to see Linux systems available to an open market. I don't want to have to purchase a PC to format the drive and re-install Linux on it. I am being force-fed a product I neither want nor that I like.

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